



Topic Name: Moving Forward with the Vision

Idea Title: "With the Beginning and the End in Mind"

Idea Detail: As someone who once many years ago had a Sanford Mailing address off of the Much grown up Lake Mary Blvd growth, I must admit I used to hate that I did not have a Lake Mary address. Not having lived there for very long and most of my residential roots are in Apopka, I always joke having done my Business career primarily in Seminole County and watching the growth, prosperity and more so sustainability of what I feel are home grown roots, small business creation, beautiful history, and more so watching the strength that has come along the way when the going got tough, the tough got going.

I have not been involved with the planning committee and would love to learn more about how/who and what of planning the opportunity that may exists as even though this Orange County Girl who claims the pride of having been a Seminole County Woman I am so ever proud of all that I have watched and seen in the home town of Sanford, Florida.

Thanks for letting me share

Tina Holden

Idea Author: Tina H

Number of Seconds 0

Number of Points 4

Number of Comments 1

Comment 1: Hi Tina,

Thank you for commenting. The Imagine Sanford project is nearing completion. However, you can see all of the work that's been done, and the comments received through this website, by looking through the archive section. Please let me know if I can help you find anything.

Sincerely,

Mike Callahan | By Michael C

Idea Title: Change the image of Sanford

Idea Detail: Sanford has and has had a VERY bad image. If you go out of Sanford you will hear the area is blighted, delapidated, code is not enforced, full of the homeless, run down and decaying, low income housing, alot of drugs and violent crime.



Nobody would bring their children into Sanford . This is a huge problem. The beautiful public area on Lake Monroe is full of the homeless.

If you do not clean up the the above you will never get anyone to come in to Sanford. The corridors in old Sanford would scare anyone off. Clean up the crime in old Sanford. It is really scary.

Idea Author: Debbie K

Number of Seconds 0

Number of Points 4

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title: What no one is talking about.

Idea Detail: I've seen a great deal of both constructive and superfluous ideas on this forum. As a resident of Sanford I too agree that the city has great potential. However, I'm not sure the city and residents have the stomach for what is really required to move our hamlet forward. I've lived coast to coast and have seen towns rise and fall. The word that you never tend to hear anymore is "gentrification". It carries baggage. It means doing unpleasant things. We visit other towns and ask ourselves, "Sanford has more going for it that " ", why don't we have this business and momentum. It's not so simple. Want to change the image and reputation of Sanford? Then aggressive zoning and rezoning is the start. The city doesn't have the money to buy properties and fix them so it has to use the power of the pen. Savannah, St. Augustine, Mt. Dora, etc. They force landlords and property owners to fix up the land or sell it. They aggressively discourage panhandling. It's social engineering.

Idea Author: Thomas D

Number of Seconds 0

Number of Points 3

Number of Comments 1

Comment 1: I completely agree. Zoning is a start. Cleaning up the area is mandatory for the greater good. Social engineering-great and it is a start. Have the landlords clean up their properties it is their obligation for being an owner rather than a slum lord. It will also invite a better class of renters. Citations and code violations should be issued if not cleaned up and



taken care of within a certain time. If they do not comply do it again and again. Eventually they will realize this is a serious matter and has to be taken care of. You will also see an overall improvement in the way the city looks. | By Debbie K

Idea Title: SANFORD "HERE and NOW"

Idea Detail: Read through everyone's ideas. In my opinion, the Idea from Thomas does seem to be in the right direction. I believe there really needs to be more focus put on maintaining the current merchants in Historic Downtown Sanford and bringing in more Merchants with the type of shops that will attract tourists and local residents. Also, more events (bicycle races, marathons, festivals) starting on main street and bringing people to Sanford. As far as the homeless -- we have a problem as a nation -- these are people -- let's figure it out, come up with viable solutions that support people becoming productive again. Not that all homeless want to be productive; however, it should be worked on individually and not "lump sum". As far as code enforcement, too much enforcement on downtown merchants. But, Thomas was correct about talking about zoning and clean-up. Form a "here and now" committee, I'll volunteer to help with whatever. -Deni

Idea Author: Deni K

Number of Seconds 0

Number of Comments 0